

Get Involved / Parish Ministries

Our parish offers a wide range of ministry opportunities. Whether you'd like to learn more, pray more, or serve more, we have a ministry for you! Our parish community flourishes when its members are generous with their time and willing to offer their God-given talents to build up the body of Christ. Please contact the parish office today if there is a ministry for which you would like to volunteer your time and talent.

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES AT SAINT JOHN BOSCO

LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the word of God during Mass. It is Christ who speaks when Holy Scripture is read aloud in the church. Thus, lectors are privileged to assume the role of God's heralds in announcing the good news of salvation. A lector can be a man, woman or young person (*after Confirmation*) in good standing and in full communion with the Catholic Church.

ALTAR SERVERS AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

Altar serving is one of the oldest ministries in the Church. It is a great opportunity to grow closer to God and to serve in a very solemn manner at the Mass. Youth in grades 4-12 assist at weekend liturgies and major solemnities. Adult Altar servers assist the priest at weekday funerals and daily Mass.

GREETERS

The purpose of the Greeters Ministry is to extend a warm, kind, friendly and loving welcome to everyone who enters the church during the services and other special events. We would like everyone who walks in to feel the love of the Lord Jesus. Next to the priest and liturgical ministries, greeters have one of the most valuable and important tasks to perform in the worship service, they are the representatives of the church to the people who come to worship there. They may assist with worship aids, give directions or provide information whenever necessary. They can be of any age, family group, couples or singles. Greeters must have a friendly, hospitable and helpful demeanor. This ministry requires that a person be at least 18 years of age, in good standing and in full communion with the Catholic Church. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a family member or guardian.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - the Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity of Jesus Christ - enthroned in a monstrance on the altar and visibly present under the appearance of the white host. The faithful are invited to "come and see", adore and honor Jesus in his Eucharistic Presence. In its fullest essence, Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time". All the faithful are encouraged to spend quiet time with our Lord. One may come to simply sit in silence, seek guidance, meditate, intercede for others, read the Bible or pray a devotion.

CHURCH DECORATORS / BUCKET BRIGADE

Church decorators seek to create an atmosphere that draws people into deeper prayer and reverence. Seasonal decorations are meant to "draw people to the true nature of the mystery being celebrated...". Decorators can be men or women who assist with decorating the church for special times of the year such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The Bucket Brigade is a very important ministry of our church. They usually meet twice a year for cleaning of the Church Pews.

PARISH CHOIR

Under the leadership of Lisa Quaranto, our Director of Music, this ministry is currently looking for singers. They rehearse on Sundays before 11am Mass. Men and women 18 and up.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is located at Saint John Bosco Parish and is open to families in need. The pantry is run by volunteer parishioners of Saint John Bosco. Parishioners of Saint John Bosco contribute through fundraisers such as Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach and ongoing weekly food collections.

USHERS

The primary role of the Usher is to facilitate good traffic flow during preparation for Mass and the reception of Holy Communion. Also, ushers are responsible for the taking up of the Collections and the distribution of the Sunday Bulletin. Adults, men and women, young people of all ages are welcome to collaborate in this important role. If interested, please contact our Pastor, Father Kramer.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

This men's society is dedicated to the dignity and respect of the Holy Name of Jesus, living out the Christian Virtues, regular sacramental practice and to works of charity. These men, of all ages, commit themselves to the service of the Pastor in supporting the Parish and the Church. They attend the 8am Mass together on the 2nd Sunday of each month from September to June. They gather in Drexel Hall after Mass for a brief meeting and fellowship.

LEGION OF MARY

The goal of this organization is to mature members in their Catholic faith through a balance program of prayer and charity. They meet on Tuesdays after morning Mass in the Parish Center.

Please prayerfully consider how you may begin to share your gifts, talents and skills.

As children of Don Bosco, we are called to create an authentic community of faith through which the talents and gifts we have, contribute to the common goal of building the Church. The best way to feel part of our family is to join us in completing the work of Jesus in our parish. We sponsor many ministries that contribute in significant ways to our mission and spread the word that all of us can have an encounter with Jesus that is real and vital in establishing love, peace and forgiveness. Please consider where your gifts and talents lie and share them with us. We could use your help and your companionship on our journey to heaven.



